TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 2489

January 11, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the placement of surveillance cameras to enforce traffic safety on any highways on the state system of highways unless approved by the Department of Transportation and until a need for such cameras is established by a traffic safety engineering study. Requires all cost of traffic studies to be paid by the authority seeking the use of said cameras.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time/Permissive

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Transportation, few cities, counties or other political subdivisions utilize surveillance cameras to enforce traffic safety.
- An engineering study to establish a need for traffic safety cameras would cost \$10,000 per study.
- At least 10 cities, counties or other political subdivisions would be interested in utilizing surveillance cameras for traffic safety enforcement.
- The expense to local governments would exceed \$100,000 (10 x \$10,000) depending on the number of cities, counties and other political subdivisions that elect to install traffic surveillance cameras.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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